

The Philip Dennis House
Near Bayside
Cumberland County, New Jersey

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Owner: Mrs. Millwood Bell, Bayside

Date of Erection: Brick unit 1730-1750; frame
sections later

Architect:

Builder: Philip Dennis

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two in the brick and the frame
units, and one in the leanto

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brick

Exterior walls - main
unit brick in Flemish
bond, frame additions
late 18th or early 19th
century

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - gambrel on main
unit, gable on secondary
unit, pitch on leanto

Historical Data:

Philip¹ Dennis of Greenwich Township,
Cumberland County, New Jersey, in his will dated 1st
of 5 mo. 1767, and proved 28 May 1768, devised to his
son Philip Dennis Jr. "my Plantation whereon I live,
with the Buildings thereon and all the appurtenances

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thereunto belonging," except a piece of land at the southeast corner.

Philip² Dennis Jr., the devisee above-named, of the same place, by his will of 4 February 1795 bequeathed the use of his plantation to his wife Hannah Dennis until the daughters Sarah and Rachel came of age eighteen, but in case of their decease meanwhile, the same with his other lands to be divided among the three sons and four daughters, three and two shares each respectively, accordingly, in the Division of the real estate of this Philip Dennis Jr. by judgment of the Orphans Court on 23 August 1805, lots numbers 1 and 10 were assigned to Philip Dennis (3rd), the former being that on which the homestead here surveyed stood.

Philip³ Dennis and wife, with James White and wife, by their deed of 1 May 1813, conveyed the homestead lot number 1 to John Dare, who in turn conveyed it by his of 15 April 1817 to John Bacon. The last named passed a deed of 1 May 1827 to Reuben Kellog, and Kellog by his of 12 February 1830 to Clayton and Rebecca S. Ayres. Upon the death of the last named, the property devolved upon Hannah A. Titsworth, Abigail T. Thomas, and Edward S. Ayres, and by deed of 12 July 1853, the first and third of these parties conveyed the same to the second. Accordingly, Amos W. Thomas and wife conveyed it by theirs of 2 March 1859 to William Mc Pherson and wife who by theirs of 23 February 1863 to James Butler and wife, who by theirs of 24 September 1867 to Christianna C. Glaspell. Upon the decease of the last named, the property descended to her sons Edwin M. Glaspell and Charles S. Glaspell, and after foreclosure proceedings against them it was sold by sheriff's deed of 7 April 1899 to Millwood Bell.

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The last named devised it by his will of 3 July 1936 to his wife Anna Bell, who is the present owner, 1939.

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